

Entry Assessment to Virginia Approved Programs

[This site refers to the Board of Education prescribed assessment for entry into a Virginia approved program. Please refer to the following Web site for information on the assessments required for licensure:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/newvdoe/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf

Authority

Code of Virginia, § [23-9.2:3.6](#). **Education preparation programs offered by institutions of higher education.**

- A. Education preparation programs shall be required to meet the requirements for accreditation and program approval as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations.
- B. As provided in § [22.1-298.2](#), the Board of Education shall prescribe an assessment of basic skills for individuals seeking entry into an approved education program and shall establish a minimum passing score for such assessment. The Board also may prescribe other requirements for admission to Virginia's approved education programs in its regulations.
- C. Candidates who fail to achieve the minimum score established by the Board of Education may be denied entrance into the relevant education program on the basis of such failure; however, if enrolled in the program, they shall have the opportunity to address any deficiencies.

Assessment

Praxis I is the prescribed Virginia Board of Education assessment for entry into a Virginia approved teacher preparation program. The Educational Testing Service administers the assessment, and information on the assessment can be accessed at the following Web site: www.ets.org. The scores approved by the Virginia Board of Education are as follows:

Pre-Professional Skills Test (Paper/pencil PPST)			Pre-Professional Skills Test (Computerized-PPST)		
<u>PRAXIS I</u> <u>(Paper/pencil)</u>	<u>TEST</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>PASSING</u> <u>SCORES</u>	<u>PRAXIS I</u> <u>C-PPST</u>	<u>TEST</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>PASSING</u> <u>SCORES</u>
Mathematics	10730	178	Mathematics	5730	178
Reading	10710	178	Reading	5710	178
Writing	20720	<u>176</u>	Writing	5720	<u>176</u>
PPST Composite Score		532	C-PPST Composite Score		532

Substitute Tests for PRAXIS I

SAT AS A SUBSTITUTE TEST FOR PRAXIS I

On March 24, 2004, the Board of Education approved the use of the SAT® as a substitute test for Praxis I (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics). The Board approved the following scores:

SAT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995 -- a score of **1000** with at least **450** on the verbal and **510** on the mathematics tests;

SAT Taken After April 1, 1995 -- a score of **1100** with at least **530** on the verbal and **530** on the mathematics tests as a substitute for Praxis I.

ACT AS A SUBSTITUTE TEST FOR PRAXIS I

On September 22, 2004, the Board of Education approved the use of the ACT as a substitute test for Praxis I (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics). The Board approved the following scores:

ACT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995 -- a composite score of 21, with the ACT mathematics score no less than 21, and an ACT English Plus Reading score no less than 37. [Please note that you must have taken and met passing scores for the ACT **Mathematics** and **English Plus Reading** tests. At one time, the English Plus Reading test was not offered.]

ACT Taken After April 1, 1995 -- a composite score of 24, with the ACT mathematics score no less than 22, and an ACT English Plus Reading score no less than 46.

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